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Reports from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Cholera—Smallpox—Plague at Osaka—Smallpox on sailing vessel W. H. Talbot.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Slade reports, December 2, 7, and 10:

Week ended November 30, 1907: Two supplemental bills of health were granted to 2 steamers and 2 original bills of health were granted 2 steamers, altogether with an aggregate personnel of 893. There were inspected 4 vessels, 427 crew, and 405 steerage passengers. Manifests were issued for 56,075 pieces of freight. There were disinfected 671 pieces of personal effects. One hundred and forty-four steerage passengers were bathed and disinfected and held five days under observation prior to ships' sailing. Their effects were disinfected.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *China*, for Honolulu, examined 190, recommended for rejection 104; for San Francisco by same steamer, 3 examined, 2 recommended for rejection.

The emigrants passed, together with 59 intending passengers to Victoria by the steamship *Shawmut*, were held five days prior to the ship's sailing and all passengers' effects were disinfected.

The following diseases were reported in Kobe during the week: Cholera, 4 cases and 2 deaths; smallpox, 38 cases and 12 deaths. The total mortality was 174.

The reports from Osaka for the same week give 70 cases of plague, with 62 deaths, an increase over last week of 19 cases and 9 deaths.

Special quarantine restrictions on account of smallpox.

Doctor Slade further reports, December 7:

In view of the fact that smallpox has increased considerably in this port within the last three weeks, and that the disease has gained a foothold here, the special restrictions provided in the quarantine laws and regulations for steerage passengers and crew of vessels sailing from ports infected with smallpox have been put into operation, to take effect from and after this date.

Week ended December 7. Five supplemental bills of health were granted to 5 steamships and 1 original bill of health was granted to 1 steamship, altogether an aggregate personnel of 428. There were inspected 6 vessels, 322 members of crews, and 84 steerage passengers. Manifests were viséed for 92,635 pieces of freight.

There were disinfected 393 pieces of personal effects. Eighty-four steerage passengers were bathed and vaccinated and held five days under observation prior to embarkation. Their effects were disinfected.

Emigrants were examined as follows: Steamship *Tango Maru*, for Seattle, examined 76, recommended for rejection 43. The emigrants passed, together with 45 intending passengers to Victoria by same steamer, were bathed and vaccinated and held five days under observation prior to embarkation. Their effects were disinfected.

The following diseases were reported in Kobe during the week: Cholera, 3 cases and 1 death; smallpox, 28 cases and 8 deaths. The total reported mortality was 163.

Smallpox being epidemic in Kobe, all emigrants, either to America, American dependencies, or to Canadian ports, if traveling by the same steamships, are vaccinated, as are also all new members of crews taken on at Kobe by vessels bound for American ports.

The sailing vessel the *W. H. Talbot* was held in quarantine here. A case of smallpox was discovered. The vessel was carefully fumigated, sailors' quarters were cleaned and disinfected, and all hands vaccinated. The patient was transferred at once to hospital on shore.

The report from Osaka for the week ended December 7 gives 52 cases and 58 deaths from plague, a decrease of 18 cases and 4 deaths compared with the previous week.

Reports from Nagasaki—Emigrants recommended for rejection.

Sanitary Inspector Bowie reports:

December 5. Number of emigrants per steamship *Manchuria* recommended for rejection, 4.

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Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Status of plague in Peru—Smallpox at Lima—House disinfection for plague and smallpox at Lima.

Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, December 8:

Week ended December 7:

Vessels were dispatched as follows:

December 6 the Chilean steamship *Loa*, for Ancon, Canal Zone, with a general cargo and a total personnel of 159, of whom 4 members of crew, 45 cabin and 16 steerage passengers, were from this port.

December 7 the British ship *Stronsa*, for Port Townsend, Wash., in ballast, with a crew of 30, of whom 4 were from this port; and the American cable steamship *Relay*, for New York, with a crew of 39.

The *Loa* was fumigated; the other two vessels were inspected and passed.

The following is the latest report on plague in Peru received from the Director de Salubridad.

Locality.	Cases Novem- ber 28.	New.	Recov- ered.	Died.	Remain- ing De- cember 4.
Lima	7	4	0	2	9
Callao	2	0	0	0	2
Chosica	1	1	0	0	2
Matucana	0	2	0	0	2
Trujillo	8	9	3	6	8
Paita	7	(?) 10	1	7	10
Piura	1	4	0	2	3
Ferrenafe	3	0	0	0	3

Matucana is a town on the railroad from Lima.

Smallpox continues in Lima. December 4, there were 32 patients in the smallpox hospital there. During the month of November, 19 houses were fumigated in Lima for that disease, and 14 for plague or the finding of dead rodents.